Report of the Committee on the State of Religion, and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

Dear Brethren of Mt. Pisgah Association:

In the good providence of God we are assembled in our fifty-third annual session, and this time with Bethel Church in Newton county, Miss. The welcome given us was cordial and the support liberal and abundant. We had representation from all the churches with a very small exception The churches all in peace, and in about a usual state of prosperity. No open inroads have been made into our regular usages in faith and practice as baptists; a fact for which we should give thanks to God.

All our churches have had preaching. Some, more, others, less, and report a creditable number of Baptisms. Your committee believe that the churches of the old body were never more united than now.

Great harmony has prevailed during our present session. In preaching our brethren have acquitted themselves well. Your Committee believe that our dear old Association is still true to the work committed to her more than fifty years ago—the maintaining and defense of the truth.

Like the battle scarred soldier, may the victories gained prepare us more fully for endurance and toil in the future.

Beloved brethren, let us be true to the trust reposed in us. "Be thou faithful unto death," says our Redeemer. The tendency in Christianity in America is to the world. What is there for us? "Be not conformed to this world—love not the world." The unconverted in our churches can only work evil to us—evil to the cause we love and advocate.

Few unconverted persons will make an effort to come into our churches if pastors are faithful to their trust. A great weight of responsibility rests on the ministry to the churches; great, great indeed. At the same time churches should remember their obligations to their pastors.

Your committee is impressed with the importance of our avoiding questions that gender strifes. "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine ye have received, and avoid them." This is an admonition to the church at Rome. Church members should know the faith and be prepared to defend it. The older Ministers and members are passing away, and soon the whole work will be on younger. The generation passing and gone have done a great work. Will the coming be equal to their task! Fifty years! More than fifty have we toiled! The next fifty? Ah! the next fifty! O, brethren, what, what! May God bless us in our work.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman, L. B. DAY,
J. M. MOORE, J. A. WHITE.
J. H. SANSING, W. J. BRUNER,
J. M. SMITH, J. J. INGRAM.

Proceedings of Mt. Pisgah Association.

BETHEL CHURCH, NEWTON CO., MISS., Sept. 20, 1890.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Mount Pisgah Association convened to-day in annual session for 1890, with Bethel Church, Newton Co., Miss., being the fifty-third session of this body.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. J. Tullos, from 1st Corrinthians, 3, 4. Theme, The Resurrection of Christ, the foundation of the Christian's hope and joy.

EVENING SESSION

After intermission with ample refreshments, the Moderator called the house to order, elder L. B. Fancher leading in the opening prayer.

Brother J. H. Sansing and Elders A. J. Freeman and J. C. Foster were appointed to read letters.

Brethren N. T. Johnson, D. C. Payne and T. H. Stamper were appointed a committee on finance.

Elder J. J. Ingram was appointed to preach at the stand.

The Association was then organized, the venerable Elder, N. L. Clarke being chosen Moderator, J. M. Moore, Secretary and Bro. J. E. Graham, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with the body.

Petitionary letters were called for, when one was presented from Hardyville, which was admitted a member of the body, and the delegates welcomed by the Moderator, and seated.

Correspondence from sister associations was called for.

Elder J. T. Halford from the Salem arose and received the hand of welcome from the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows, viz:

On Preaching—Pastor and deacons of Bethel Church with J. B. Ishee, I. P. Mason, A. P. Wash.

On Missions—J. W. Arnold, L. B. Fancher, S. J. Tullos, W. P. Vaughn, D. M. Stroud.

On Nominations—J. E. Graham, J. L. Hardy, B. W. Dearing, J. P. Pace, L. B. Day, T. G. Coker.

On Education—L. B. Fancher, B. F. Lewis, H. Wilkins, L. W. Townsend, W. D. Still.

On Publications—A. J. Freeman, J. E. Chapman, J. A. Scott, T. I. Wells.

On Queries and Requests—Elder L. P. Murrell, G. W.

Rainer, A. M. B. W. Sansing, C. W. Harris, T. J. Hamilton.

On the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—Elder N. L. Clarke, J. M. Moore, J. H. Sansing, J. M. Smith, L. B. Day, W. J. Bruner, J. J. Ingram, J. A. White.

On Sunday Schools—T. I. Wells, J. C. McDowell, W. P. Vaughn, C. C. Williamson.

On Temperance—Elder J. C. Foster, G. W. Rainer, J. M. Hutson, W. C. Sessums.

A motion prevailed to appoint a special committee.

On Obituaries—Elder A. J. Freeman, J. C. Foster, G. W. Rainer, S. A. Gordon, S. J. Tullos were appointed said committee.

Report of Committee on Preaching—That elder J. M. Mo re preach the annual sermon on Missions to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m., according to appointment last session; that Elder J. C. Foster preach at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and Elder L. B. Fancher at night.

Elder G. W. Rainer to conduct prayer meeting exercises at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, and Elder T. I. Wells to preach at the stand on Monday at 11 a. m.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

Resolved, That a public collection for Missions be taken up at the close of the forenoon service to-morrow. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

Prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, Elder G. W. Rainer directing the exercises. At 11 o'clock the annual missionary sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Moore, using 1st Timothy, 1—15 as a text. Theme, the Mission of Christ. At the close a collection was taken for missions, receiving for foreign missions, $15.05; Indian, $9.00; domestic $9.30. In the afternoon, Brother Foster preached an excellent sermon from John, 8—12. Theme, "Christ, the light of the world." At night brother Fancher gave us a very instructive discourse on the relation between the Atonement and the Redemption of Christ. Text, John 19-30.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The House was called to order by the Moderator. Opening prayer by Elder J M Hutson. The roll was called, the delegates responding to their names. Read the rules of decorum. Renewed the call for correspondence from sister associations. Elder L J Caughman appeared from the New Liberty and received the usual welcome.

Proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows, viz: To Oktibbeha, J J Ingram, J M Moore;

Salem, A J Freeman, B W Dearing; Bethlehem, T I. Wells, W P Vaughn; Mt. Olive, J C Foster, W C Sessums; Harmony, J C Foster, S J Tullos; Springfield, L P Murrell, J M Hutson; New Liberty, J E Chapman, E G Skinner.

Resolved, That the corresponding messengers be authorized to write their own letters certifying their appointment by this body, and signing the names of the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Missions—The report was read and a motion made to adopt it. Elders L B Fancher and A J Freeman made stirring appeals for enlarged efforts in practical mission work. Brethren J E Chapman, L P Murrell, S J Tullos and G W Rainer made good speeches on the report, some of them urging greater activity and liberality in foreign mission work. Bro Murrell thought we could support a missionary in a foreign field if we would. Bro T I Wells proposed a voluntary contribution for our Indian Mission, when $21.80 was speedily deposited on the table. Elder N L Clarke made closing remarks, when the report was unanimously adopted. See appendix A.

On Queries and Requests—Report read. A motion to adopt the report was carried. Appendix B.

On Sunday Schools—The report was read. Brethren Murrell, Freeman and Sessums made talks on the report. Brother Clarke favored Sunday Schools, but would have them always under the supervision and direction of the church. The report was adopted. Appendix C.

Adjourned to dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix D.

On Temperance—The report was read and speeches on Temperance and Prohibition were made by brethren Foster, Murrell, Ingram and the Moderator, when it was adopted. Appendix E

On Publications—The report was read and a motion made to adopt it. Elders N L Clarke and A J Freeman made talks in reference to the new paper, the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST, showing the necessity for such a paper and urging its claims upon our people. The report was adopted. Appendix F.

The State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence.—The report was read and adopted. See first page.

On Nominations—The report was read and adopted. Appendix G.

On Education—Report read and adopted. Appendix H.

On Obituaries—The report was read and adopted. Appendix I.

Appointed delegates to represent this body in the General Association, viz: G W Rainer, A J Freeman, B W Dearing, L P Murrell, J E Chapman, J L Hardy, T I Wells, L B Fancher, J C Foster, J M Moore, E G Skinner, N L Clarke, D T Chapman.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That we the delegates composing this body, pledge ourselves to present the subject of missions before our churches, and urge them to send up a contribution for the same to the General Association.

2d. That our Secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed where he can get them most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done and he approves the work, and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the Treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage, reserving a number for correspondence.

3d. That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of this body, after current expenses have been met, and all funds in his hands belonging to the General Association, be turned over to the Treasurer of that body.

4th. That we most cheerfully tender our thanks to Bethel Church and this community for their generous support of this body during the meeting.

5th. That we now adjourn to meet with New Prospect Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday, before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1891. The parting hand was taken while singing a farewell hymn, and closing prayer by Elder L. J. Caughman.

N. L. CLARKE, MODERATOR.

J. M. MOORE, Secretay.

APPENDICES.

A.—On Missions.

Your committee on Missions submit the following report: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" we recognize as a command given by our Lord and Master after his resurrection and just before his ascension to the Father, and it has never been revoked. Hence it is binding on us to-day. As it is declared to be the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and that it has pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, therefore we feel and believe that the subject of missions is of the greatest importance, and one in which the churches should be more earnestly engaged. The wonderful workings of God's providence in

opening up the doors of the nations, and the success attending our missionaries in their fields of labor, should stimulate our efforts in this work. We have unmistakable evidence of God's approval of missions in our own State, under the labors of our missionaries in southeast Mississippi and other parts of the State.

Our home field is almost worked up. Another instance is the reception of the gospel by the Choctaws in our midst. A few years ago they were in heathen darkness, now many of them are rejoicing in a Saviour's love. The labors of our missionaries are being wonderfully blessed in Cuba and Mexico, in turning the people from the superstitions and power of Catholicism to the true and living God. The nations of Asia and Africa are now open for the gospel; our missionaries are entering and the heathen are being converted. The pressing need now, is more missionaries and the means to send them. From the evidences before us and from what God has revealed in His Word, how can there be any doubt that God uses the gospel committed to His church, in saving the souls of men. Therefore, brethren of the churches, let us awake to the importance of this duty, and to the responsibility that is resting upon us as a people wonderfully blessed, to give this glorious gospel to the perishing nations of earth. "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

J. W. Arnold, Chairman.

B. On Queries and Requests.

Your committee beg leave to report: We find seven requests: one of them from Friendship church, requesting a letter of dismission from this body. We recommend that her request be granted.

Among the six churches asking your body to meet with them, we put in nomination New Hope and New Prospect for the Association to decide where it will meet. We find no querry. Submitted.

L. P. Murrell, Chairman.

C. On Sunday-Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath schools submit the following report: That we regard the Sabbath School as vastly important in training up the young in the knowledge of the Scriptures, and it is to be regretted that so few Schools are reported from the churches composing this body. Those whose minds are stored with scriptural literature in childhood and youth will be much more easily reached by the preached word than those without it. The pen of inspiration says "train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old it will not depart from it." And we recom-

mend the churches of the association to organize schools (where they have have none) and report the same in their letters to the next meeting of this body. Respectfully submitted.

T. I. WELLS, Chairman.

D. On Finance.

Your committee on Finance report the following: We have examined the former treasurer's report and find it correct, and all monies properly vouched for.

The following amounts were sent up by the churches for the purposes specified: For Associational purposes $118.40; domestic missions $13.85; foreign $18.45; Indian missions $2.50: total amt. sent by churches $153.20; collected on Lord's day for domestic missions $9.30; collected on Lord's day for foreign missions $15.05: Indian missions $9.00; collected on Monday for Indian missions 21.30; grand total $207.85. Respectfully submitted,

N. T. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

E. On Temperance.

Your committee on Temperance submit the following: There is no subject with which we, as an association of Christians, have to grapple, of such stupendous proportions and vital interest to the churches and future questions, as the liquor traffic. The use of intoxicants as a beverage has produced more misery, wretchedness, anguish and death, than all other evils combined. This is saying a great deal, yet it is the truth, which statistics abundantly prove. Nine hundred millions of dollars are spent annually. What an inconceivable sum spent, and for what? For poison that dethrones reason and destroys the soul. Is it possible that intelligent man, created in the image of God, spends his hard earnings for this liquid fire that transforms him into a demon? Yea, more, he takes the bread from his children, steals the last piece of jewelry from his brokenhearted wife, to supply his insatiable thirst for strong drink, which prepares its victim for all crime, even to murder brothers and sisters, wives and children, fathers and mothers and finally to commit suicide and launch his immortal soul into hell. Oh! how awful, how terrible the results of the liquor traffic. Well has it been called the matchless evil. What shall we say? What shall we do? Shall we maintain silence and remain supinely until we are bound hand and foot by the chains of intemperance, forged at the furnace of hell? What are reports written and printed in our minutes if we do not act? Brethren, we are contending against an enemy of stupendous power, backed by rings and syndicates with unlimited means. But we should not

be discouraged, knowing that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. The Lord of battles will close these avenues of destruction for us, if we be faithful to our Master. Let us keep up an eternal warfare against this wily adversary. Let every mother and daughter throw her unlimited influence against this traffic and roll on the car of prohibition till the last drop of this rotten, poisonous, chemical compound be crushed out and the liquor traffic be bound in fetters and cast into the bottomless pit.

The prohibition movement has done great good. True, it has met with reverses here and there; so did our forefathers in the stupendous struggle for independence, meet with many great and sad defeats, but the veterans, filled with true patriotism and love of liberty, rallied their forces to the contest with the motto, "liberty or death," and finally achieved a glorious victory and bequeathed to us the precious boon of liberty, with all its rich and multiplied blessings. So may the friends of temperance ultimately emancipate our children from the bondage of intemperance that is now cursing many of our churches with drunken members. Submitted.

J. C. FOSTER, Chairman.

F. On Publications.

Your committee on publications submit the following report: At the last session of your body a committee was appointed to investigate the need and wants of our people as to denominational newspaper facilities, and to report to the General Association by their consent, which committee reported, in substance, that our people were nearly without a medium of communication.

The General Association granted a hearing to said committee, and as a sequence, appointed a special permanent committee on religious literature, to meet and adjourn on their own motion. The said committee held four meetings, Decatur, Mt. Vernon, Sylvarena and Newton. Said committee took into consideration the condition of our people as to religious literature, and upon the whole recommended the formation of a joint stock company to be located at Newton, State of Mississippi, to be called the Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company. Said company was duly organized July 3d, 1890, and is now in operation. This company is now publishing a paper called the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST. Elder N. L. Clarke, a tried veteran of the grand cause, is its editor. The paper is sound in doctrine, and will advocate the great doctrines of the Bible, and the work of the General Association. We, your committee, heartily recommend said paper to your patronage. It is within

reach of all—the price only one dollar per year cash. We also recommend the Southern Baptist Record as a sound, high-toned paper, and for Sunday Schools, Kind Words, published at Atlanta, Ga.; The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

H. On Education

Your committee on Education submit the following report: A lengthy report on Education to-day appears unnecessary, but the subject of education is one of such importance that it should not be overlooked. The future welfare and prosperity of our country depends much upon the proper education, both intellectually and morally, of the rising generation, It is encouraging to see so much interest manifested among our people on this subject. Schools of a high grade are springing up all over the land; yet we need many more, especially schools under the direction and management of Baptists. While we would not advocate that Baptist principles and doctrines be taught in literary schools, yet if our principles are what we claim them to be, we ought, as much as possible, to bring the young under their influence. The teachers of our children ought to be high-toned christian men and women. Then why not employ Baptist men and women to teach them? Why not? It is a fact that the teachers of the young will exert a great influence, both morally and religiously over those under their charge. Then let us encourage by voice and patronage, the establishment and support of private and high schools under Baptist supervision. To those who would avail themselves of a collegiate education, we would recommend the Mississippi College, which, as to efficiency of faculty and thoroughness of work and discipline, no other in the South is superior. Respectfully submitted,

L. B. FANCHER, Chairman.

I. On Obituaries.—SPECIAL.

Your committee on Obituaries report: Elder P. Vaughn was born in Caldwell county, Kentucky, Feb. 29th, 1804; moved to Alabama in his 13th year; was baptized on a profession of faith in 1828 by elder T. Tucker; was set apart to the ministry by elders Tolbert and Samuel Wright, at Camden church. His work in the ministry was in the _____ and Bethel Associations until 1860, when he moved to Lauderdale Co., Miss., where he was active in the ministry in the Bethlehem and Mt. Pisgah Associations, the latter of which he was a member at the time of his death. He was a member of Oakland church. He died in full triumph of faith at the age of 86 years and 22 days.

Brother Jessee M. Pace died August 8th, 1890, aged 71 years and 3 months. Brother Pace was baptized into the fellowship of Antioch Church, Scott Co., by Elder Stephen Berry, Sept. 17th, 1837. He was afterwards in the constitution of Pleasant Hill Church, of which he remained a constant member until his death, serving the church as deacon for more than 40 years. He was Treasurer of this Association for a number of years. His end was peace.

Brother J. D. Hardy was born Dec. 16th, 1824, was baptized on a profession of faith in 1837, Lowndes Co., Ala.; moved to Mississippi in 1859, was a constant member of the Church for 53 years. He died in peace at the age of nearly 66 years. He was Treasurer of this Association at the time of his death.

Besides these, we make mention of Brethren W. L. Kelly, Simpson Lay, M. J. L. Hoye, Wm. White, who have died since the last meeting of this body. We tender our sympathies to their families. Submitted,

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

G. On Nominations.

We, the Committee on Nominations, make the following report: That Elder J. E. Chapman preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder T. I. Wells his alternate; and that Elder L. B. Fancher preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and Elder J. C. Foster his alternate.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. GRAHAM, Ch'm.

Ordained Ministers and Their Postoffices.

N. L. Clarke, Newton,
L P Murrell, Conehatta,
D Fore, Lake,
G W Rainer, Raineville,
W P Vaughn, Chunkey,
J M Kelly, Union,
J K P Shows, Union,
B W Dearing, Newton,
A J Cockroft, Lena,
W A Brantly, Sebastopol,
J E Chapman, Newton,
A J Freeman, Newton,
J J Ingram, Dixon,
S J Tullos, Edinburg,
J M Moore, Union,
H O White, Shealey,
J W Arnold, Union,
T I Wells, Moore's Mill,
L B Fancher, House,
A J Smith, Montrose.

Licentiates and Their Postoffices.

F Sansing, Union,
D C Payne, Union,
W R Haily, Raineville,
J H Houston, Hickory,
T J Williams, Decatur,
R L Herrington, Dixon,
C C Arnold, Sebastopol,
W I Pippin, Newton,
E N Robinson, Lawrence,
T M Gould, Lake,
J M Hutson, Harperville,
H Bruce, Decatur,
D M Stroud, Hickory,
(R K Cleaveland, Union,)
Joe Rushing, Harperville,
Joseph White, Shealey,
T I Rhoads, Hope,
J E Pearson and
W C Sessums, Lena.

Abstracts of Faith—Preamble.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love, that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any busines they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Asssociation.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters, certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during

the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the association, and if not then decided, the moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator; subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The forgoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

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Pine Bluff
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Sulphur Sp
Sand Sprin
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CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OE DELEGATES.	Baptized.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	W B Sansing, J R Sansing	2
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	S C Cross, W S Duckworth	...
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	T H Stamper, S A Gordon	...
Center Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill		7
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	H C Staten	...
Bethel	Newton	Newton	B W Dearing, J E Chapman	2
Bethel	Neshoba	House	L B Fancher, J E Breland	3
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	S J Tullos, Jasper Savell	3
Beulah	Newton	Shealey	N F Smith, T J Smith, H O White, J E Graham	5
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N L Clarke, N T Johnson, T G Coker, R A Laird,	3
Enon	Neshoba	Smith	W J Smith, B F Clark	2
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beach Springs	J C McBeath, J P Branly	...
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, H Robinson	3
Fellowship	Leake	Walnut Grove	J L Parker, G T Harrel	4
Friendship*	Leake	Lena	W C Sessums	3
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D M Stroud, S W Monroe	1
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	G W Wolf	4
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	J A White	2
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	J C Foster, T J Hamilton	3
Hardyville	Jasper	Garlandsville	J L Hardy, E G Skinner	...
Lake	Scott	Lake	Hugh Wilkins	...
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J J Ingram, I P Mason	7
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	J A Scott, C C Williamson	3
Mt Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	B F Lewis, C M Stroud	9
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman, J C McDowell	1
Mt Vernon	Newton	Hickory	D Nicholson, R B Harris	...
Mt Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey Station	W P Vaughn	14
New Prospect	Lauderdale	Chunkey Station	J B Ishee, J S Ball	...
New Prospect	Newton	Lucerne	W L Pace, J T Savell	...
NewHope	Neshoba	Union	J M Smith Wm Rucker	12
NewHope	Scott	Lake	J G Gordy	4
Newton	Newton	Newton	J H Sansing, W D Still	...
Oakland	Newton	Raineville	G W Rainer, T F Wells	1
Old Union	Scott	Steel	J M Hutson, J T Bryan	2
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L P Murrell, A J Smith, J H Caver, J P Pace	27
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	J W Arnold, L B Day	5
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	J H Bradford, W J Bruner, J M Simmons	...
Prairie Concord	Newtan	Newton	J S Gordy, N C Weid	2
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	A P Wash, W L Robinson	3
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewell Hill	W G Fortson, C W Harris	...
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	L S James, W W Abney	3
Salem	Scott	Forest	H C Emmons, E L Warren	1
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Demascus	J C Wilson, M L Cloud	4
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	A M Smith	1
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	C C Arnold, Isaac Reynolds	...
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore, D C Payne	1
Union	Scott	Forest	L W Townsend, J H Steel	...
Woodland	Neshoba	Laurel Hill		...
*Dismissed by Letter.			Total	15

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—OF THE—

Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

New Prospect Church, Newton Co., Miss.,

SEPTEMBER 19, 20 and 21, 1891.

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J. E. Graham was re-elected treasurer and not J. E. Ingram.

Report of the Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

How interesting these large country gatherings of Baptist people. Rarely are they seen among other denominations now. With them there is a tendency to leave the country and concentrate in the villages and towns. Such interests have been connected with the present meeting of our Association with New Prospect Church. A stranger would have been surprised to witness the vast concourse gathered, the order observed, and the abundant supplies furnished for the comfort of the body and its friends. The delegation from the churches was very full, while the letters represent them as being in great peace, and more than ordinarily prosperous.

Our present session, this year, has been harmonious and pleasant—the churches reporting more baptisms than for years before. There is no discoverable decline in the spirit of missions. Much interest has been manifested in the publication and circulation of our paper, THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST. The preaching has been spiritual, sound and instructive. Our dear Association seems yet in the vigor of youth, and anxious for every good work.

Dear brethren, allow us in the close of our report, to give you a few admonitions Let us remember that we are a growing people, that every year we are receiving large additions to our membership. These must receive attention, careful attention; they must be taught in the doctrine, and in the great work of practical obedience that they be fruitful in every good work. Let us maintain that simplicity that has ever characterized our people. Let us see that the the poor have the gospel preached unto them.

Respectfully,

N. L. CLARKE,
H. O. WHITE,
I. H. BROWN,
R. A. LAIRD,
C. C. ROEBUCK,
A. J. FREEMAN,
J. C. FOSTER,
L. P. MURRELL.
J. E. CHAPMAN.

Proceedings of Mt. Pisgah Association.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH,
NEWTON CO., MISS., Sept. 19, 1891.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Mt. Pisgah Association convened to-day in annual session for 1891, with New Prospect Church, Newton county, Miss., being the fifty-fourth session of this body.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. E. Chapman, from Ephesians 1st chap. and 7th verse. Theme: God's purpose of grace, in Christ, carried out through the gospel, securing the salvation of his people.

EVENING SESSION.

After intermission, with bountiful refreshments, the Moderator called the house to order, Eld. J. J. Ingram leading in prayer. Our beloved clerk, Eld. J. M. Moore, being absent, on account of sickness, Eld. J. E. Chapman was chosen clerk, pro-tem.

Brethren Thos. Keith, J. H. Sansing, and Elder A. J. Freeman, appointed to read letters.

Brethren N. T. Johnston, J. M. Lyles, and C. R. Pace, as committee on Finance.

Elder H. Bruce was appointed to preach at the stand.

On motion, agreed to elect officers by acclamation.

The Association was then organized by re-electing our venerable brother N. L. Clarke, Moderator. Eld. J. E. Chapman was chosen clerk. J. E. Ingram was re-elected treasurer.

Visiting ministers invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters were called for. None presented.

Correspondence from sister Associations called for. Brother J. A. Thomas was received from the Harmony Association and brother W. J. Jones, from the Oktibeha.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—J. M. Haralson, J. B. Ishee, A. W. W. Grafton, with pastor and deacons of New Prospect Church.

Missions—J. C. Foster, J. E. Graham, J. A. Scott, G. W. Sims, L. P. Cross, Phillip Mann.

Queries and Requests—L. P. Murrell, A. M. Smith, J. S. Wells, T. M. Gordon, R. K. Cleaveland.

Nominations—J. P. Pace, B. F. Lewis, D. M. Stroud, T. J. Graham, T. M. Gould, J. H. Sansing.

Temperance—L. B. Fancher, J. W. Arnold, C. C. Arnold, W. H. Wilkerson, C. S. Horn.

Publications—A. J. Freeman, N. B. Hammonds, Wm. Yarbrough, B. F. Hamilton, Wm. Walton.

Education—T. I. Wells, J. M. Porter, J. M. Hutson, Thomas Keith, W. A. Wilson.

Sabbath Schools—R. K. Cleaveland, S. R. Wall, C. C. Arnold.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches—H. O. White, I. H. Brown, R. A. Laird, C. C. Roebuck, A. J. Freeman, J. C. Foster, L. P. Murrell, J. E. Chapman. On motion, the Moderator, was added.

Report of Committee on Preaching—That Elder L. B. Fancher preach the Annual Sermon on Missions at 11 o'clock, Sunday. Elder N. L. Clarke to preach at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. R. K. Cleaveland to conduct prayer meeting exercises at half past nine, to continue one hour; then hold a mass meeting in behalf of the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST.

On motion, brother Thomas Keith and Eld. J. J. Ingram be excused from further attendance.

Ordered, that a public collection be taken up at the close of the eleven o'clock services on Sunday.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning at nine o'clock.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

The services on Lord's day were as arranged by the Committee. Prayer meeting half past nine, conducted by Bro. R. K. Cleaveland. It was warm and spiritual. At half past ten the congregation met in mass meeting in behalf of the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST, our beloved paper. Addresses were made by brethren Free-

man, Foster, Grafton and Clarke. A lively interest was manifested. At 11 o'clock Eld. L. B. Fancher preached the annual sermon on Missions. Text—3 : 8 of Gal. Theme : The utility of the Gospel in the salvation of men. An able, interesting and instructive exhibit of gospel doctrine. A collection amounting to $22.80 was taken up for Missions. Dinner for the whole congregation. At 2 o'clock, Eld. N. L. Clarke preached. Text—Heb. 3 : 1. Theme : The work of the Spirit necessary to prepare us for membership in the church on earth, and a home in Heaven. The sermon was sound, experimental and comforting. One of those warm, mellow sermons, for which he is noted. Take all together, the day was one of much interest, and for which we should praise God and take courage.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY MORNING, 9 O CLOCK.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by brother Wm. Yarbrough. The roll was called, the delegates responding to their names. Rules of Decorum were then read by brother J. H. Sansing. Renewed the call for correspondence. Proceeded to appoint correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To Oktibbeha—Wm. Graham, Elds. H. O. White, N. L. Clarke.

Salem—Elders B. W. Dearing, J. E. Chapman.

Bethlehem—Elds. T. I. Wells, W. P. Vaughn.

Mt. Olive—Elders J. M. Hutson, A. J. Freeman, T. M. Gould, J. C. Foster.

Harmony—Elders J. C. Foster, J. J. Ingram, S. J. Tullos.

New Liberty—Elder B. W. Dearing, brother W. S. Gordy.

On motion, opened correspondence with the Chickasawha Association—Elds. N. L. Clarke, J. E. Chapman.

Resolved, That the correspondents be authorized to write their own letters, certifying their appointment by this body, and signing the names of the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

On motion, a committee on obituaries was appointed to report in the afternoon. T. I. Wells, A. J. Freeman, J. P. Pace.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Missions—Report read and motion made to adopt, when interesting and instructive speeches were made by Elds. J. C. Foster, A. J. Freeman, N. L. Clarke, L. B. Fancher, L. P. Murrell and T. I. Wells, who started a contribution, which amounted to $12.65. The report was unanimously adopted. See Appendix A.

Queries and Requests—Report read and adopted. On motion, Mt. Pleasant Church was selected as the place for the annual meeting in 1892. Fellowship Church, Leake County, was granted a letter of dismission from this body. Appendix B.

Sunday Schools—Report read and adopted. Appendix C.

Finance—Report read and adopted. Appendix D.

The body then adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house was called to order by the Moderator and reports of committees continued.

Temperance—Report read and a motion made to adopt. Elder L. B. Fancher made an interesting speech on the report, urging stricter discipline on the part of our churches in dealing with dissipating members. With a little amendment the report was unanimously adopted. Appendix E.

Publications—Report read and motion to adopt. Remarks by A. W. W. Grafton, urging our people to take our paper, the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST, and those who could to send it to their friends. The report was adopted. Appendix F.

The State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—The report was read and adopted. See first page.

Nominations—The report was read and adopted. Appendix G.

Obituaries—The report was read and adopted. Appendix H.

Education—The report was read and adopted. Appendix I.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to represent this body in the General Association: A. J. Freeman, T. I. Wells, L. B. Fancher, J. E. Chapman, L. P. Murrell, D. M. Stroud, J. W. Arnold, D. T.

Chapman, J. E. Graham, C. C. Roebuck, J. A. Johnson, N. L. Clarke, C. C. Arnold, J. H. Sansing, D. C. Payne. W. A. Wilson, G. W. Sims, C. R. Pace.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That we enter our protest as an Association, against the opening of the Columbian Centennial Exposition, at Chicago, on the Sabbath day.

Resolved, 2nd. We call on all christian organizations to join with us in said protest.

Resolved, 3rd. That our secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed, where he can get them most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same, when so done, and he approves the work; and that he distribute them to the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the Treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage, reserving a number for correspondence.

Resolved 4th. That all funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association.

Resolved 5th. That we most cheerfully tender our thanks to New Prospect Church and this community for the generous support of this body during the meeting.

Resolved, 6th. That we now adjourn to meet with Mt. Pleasant Church, Newton county, Miss., on Saturday, before the 3rd Lord's day in Sept., 1892. The parting hand was taken while singing a farewell hymn. Closing prayer by Elder A. J. Freeman, thus closing a pleasant and harmonious session of our dear Association.

ELD. N. L. CLARKE,
Moderator.

J. E. CHAPMAN, Sec'y.

APPENDICES.

A.—Report On Missions.

Your committee on Missions beg leave to report the following: It is evident that each church of Christ is under the most solemn obligation, to carry out, to its utmost capacity, the command of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, &c.' and a failure to do so, shows indifference on the part of the church thus failing in this duty. This obligation rests, not only on each church but each member of Christ's body. How is it possible, then, that a christian can neglect or fail in aiding to extend the Kingdom of God and do his duty? "If ye love me, keep my commandments," says Christ. We are more likely to remember the last words of a dear friend. How much more the last lingering words of our glorified Redeemer. If we love the Lord, it is settled beyond a doubt that we are the children of God, and if children of God, then we are missionaries in spirit, and evidence that spirit, by material aid to the extent of our utmost ability, and in which we realize great comfort and pleasure. Remember that Christ was pre-eminently a missionary, and "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his." Hence, those who do nothing for the spread of the gospel have not the Spirit of Christ and so evidence that they are none of his. These are plain, but startling facts, which we will do well to consider. This Association is among the largest in the State of Mississippi. What of her Mission work? Has she done all she could? We are happy to say that she has done well; first in her own bounds. and then through the General Association, doing a great work in south-east Mississippi and among the Indians. This work among the Indians, was commenced about nine years ago. There are about 2,000 Choctaws living in Mississippi. There are now nine churches, 8 ordained ministers, with an aggregate membership of 300, about one-sixth of the Indian population. Brethren, they need further help As to destitution among our own people in Eastern Mississippi, that has been supplied until

there is but little remaining to be done. But the Macedonian call comes to us from abroad, where millions are shrouded in moral darkness, without hope, and without God in the world. What shall we do? What will we do? Your committee suggest, that this Association request the General Association to at once put a missionary in the foreign field, and we will meet our part in sustaining him.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. FOSTER, Chairman.

B—On Queries and Requests.

Your committee beg leave to report: We find no queries. One Church, Fellowship, Leake county, asking a letter of dismission from your body. We recommend the letter be granted.

Three Churches ask your body to meet with them in annual session in 1892. We would submit all their claims to your body to decide by vote where the Association shall meet.

Respectfully submitted,
L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

NOTE—Mt. Pleasant Church was selected by the Association.

Clerk.

C. Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We look upon the work of the Sabbath School as one of prime importance, and think that all Christians should be earnestly and zealously engaged in the advancement of this work; and it is to be regretted that so few organized schools are reported from the churches composing this body. Those who have the advantages of an early christian training, are much easier reached by the preached gospel than those that have it not.

We quote the old scriptural maxim: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" We hope to receive more reports at our next annual meeting than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,
R. K. CLEAVELAND, Chairman.

D. Finance

Your committee on Finance report the following: We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct.

The following amounts were sent up by the churches for the purposes specified:

For Associational purposes	$103 85
" Domestic Missions	3 25
" Indian Missions,	5 85
" Foreign Missions,	18 40

COLLECTED ON LORD'S DAY.

For Domestic Missions,	5 80
" Indian Missions,	6 15
" Foreign Missions,	10 85
Collected Monday for Domestic Missions,	12 65
Total	$166 80

Respectfully submitted,
N. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

E. TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a subject about which much has been said, and much written; but concerning that which affects the general interest of all the people for better or worse, for weal or woe, as intemperance does, much needs to be said and written, and to be done. The welfare, prosperity and happiness of any people, is in proportion to their temperance and soberenss. All Christians should be temperate and sober, living practical examples of sobriety. An intemperate, drunken church member is far from being a New Testament Christian. The Bible from beginning to end, condemns drunkenness. All that is admirable, praiseworthy, lovely and good is in opposition to it. It is against all the best interests of the individual, of society, church and State. All good people should be united and organized in common warfare against the evil. This Association ought to keep itself on public record as in bitter opposition to drunkenness and intemperance of all kinds. The churches should discountenance it by promptly and publicly disowning any and all of their members who are guilty of drunkenness, by immediate expulsion from their communion. Rigid discipline, mildly, firmly and promptly executed by the churches of Christ, will go far towards overcoming the evils of intemperance. Let the churches see that their membership abstain from every appearance of this monster evil, drunkenness. The New Testament

teaches us that no drunkard hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of God; hence, ought to have no membership or fellowship in his churches.

Respectfully submitted
L. B. FANCHER, Chairman.

F. ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications submit the following: Over a year ago, feeling the necessity of a medium of communication among us, a company was formed, located at Newton, Newton county, Miss., called The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company, which proceeded to publish a paper called *The Mississippi Baptist*, which is now entering its second volume. This paper we heartily recommend as worthy of our patronage. Elder N. L. Clarke is the worthy editor, who is seeking to give us a paper, sound in the faith, and reading matter suited to the wants of our people. This paper is located in our midst, its prosperity depends upon our patronage. Will not each member of this body, and every Baptist who reads this, subscribe for said paper? We also recommend the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga.,; Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and for Sabbath Schools, Kind Words, at Louisville Ky.

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

G. ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend that Elder T. I. Wells preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. W. Arnold be his alternate; Elder J. C. Foster the next annual sermon on Missions, and Elder J. E. Chapman be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. PACE, Chairman.

H. ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee submit the following report: Brother W. R. Hailey departed this life February 28th, 1891, aged about 71 years. He was born in the year 1820, in Elbert county, Ga.; was baptized about the year 1840. He moved in the fall of 1866 to Mississippi. He was for some time a member of Beulah Church, where he was licensed to preach. He was in the organization of Oakland Church, in which he lived a con-

sistent and useful member until his death. Brother Hailey was a consistent member of the church for about fifty years. We tender our sympathy to the relatives and friends; but feel that their loss is his eternal gain.

T. I. WELLS,
Chairman.

I. EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education recognize the fact that to offer anything new on this subject, is a difficult task. Yet we are satisfied that it has not depreciated in importance. We are glad to be able to report that our people are becoming fully aroused to the necessity of cultivating the minds of the young. These facts are encouraging, and every effort possible should be put forth to shape and direct this intellectual advance in such a way as to elevate the subjects under training to the highest plane of religion and morality. In order to accomplish this end, much depends on the locality and teachers chosen and selected to train our children. Nor should we be indifferent as to the kind and character of literature placed in their hands. Though this part belongs to anotner committee, yet we think it not amiss to refer to it in this report. We think it hardly probable that young people will improve in morals, or become religious when no such influence is brought to bear upon their minds. We, as Baptists, should not be ashamed or hesitate to inculcate in the minds of all to whom we have access the doctrines of the Bible as we understand them. The love and sovereignty of God, man's accountability and Christ the way, the Truth and the Life, should be the Alpha and Omega of every lesson. While education will not save a soul, yet we are forced to regard it as an important factor in enabling the mind to grasp the truth and the individual to yield to the force of reason. Then we would urge upon the brethren the importance of building up, maintaining and encouraging schools under the management of Baptists. We, like a former committee, would recommend the Mississippi College, to any one desiring a collegiate education, as being second to none in the South, in efficiency of faculty, thoroughness of work and discipline.

Respectfully submitted,
T. I. WELLS, Chairman.

Ordained Ministers and their Post-Offices.

N. L. Clarke, Newton.
L. P. Murrell, Conehatta.
H. Bruce, Decatur.
B. W. Dearing, Newton,
Jas. E. Chapman, Newton.
L. B. Fancher, House.
S. J. Tullos, Edinburg.
H. O. White, Shealey.
E. N. Robinson, Lawrence.
A. J. Smith, Mt. Rose.

J. C. Foster, Harperville,
J. J. Ingram, Dixon.
A. J. Freeman, Newton.
W. P. Vaughn, Chunkey.
T. I. Wells, Moore's Mills.
J. M. Hutson, Harperville.
J. W. Arnold, Union.
J. M. Moore, Union.
J. M. Kelly, Union.
J. K. P. Shows, Union.

Licentiates and their Post-Offices.

F. Sansing, Union.
D. C. Payne, Union.
J. H. Houston, Hickory.
T. J. Williams, Decatur.
R. L. Herrington, Dixon.
C. C. Arnold, Sebastopol.
T. M. Gould, Lake.
D. M. Stroud, Hickory.
R. K. Cleaveland, Union.

H. C. Rigdon, Battlefield.
J. O. Rushing, Harperville.
Joseph White, Shealey.
T. J. Rhodes, Hope.
J. T. Hamilton, Newton.
C. C. White, Hope.
W. G. Everett, Hickory.
Wm. Yarbrough, Newton.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST-OF'S.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded.	Dead.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total number.	No. of Minutes.	Associat'al fund.	Dom'stic mis'ns.	Foreign miss'ns.	Time of meeting	Licentiates.	Ord'ed Ministers	Indian Missions.	PASTORS.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	M. W. Langham, B. W. Sansing	5	2	1	2	1	1	23	25		48	20	$ 2 00	$	$	2	1		$	J. E. Chapman
Concord	Jasper	Garlandsville	L. P. Cross	6	1		1			8 23			31	10	1 00			3				B. W. Dearing
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	H. Bruce				7		1	21	27		48	20	2 00			4		1		A. J. Freeman
Centre Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	W. S. Mosely, J. S. Wells							12	16		28	16	1 55			2				T. I. Wells
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	V. Gulley, T. D. Gordon				3			17	25		42	15	1 50			2				J. M. Moore
Bethel	Newton	Newton	J. E. Chapman, J. M. Lyles	18			3			36	58		94	25	2 50			3	1	2		JasE Chapman
Bethel	Neshoba	House	L. B. Fancher, W. H. Wilkerson	7	2				1	17	23		40	20	3 25			4		1		G. W. Breland
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	J. M. Porter, S. T. Hataway	6	4		11	8		17	18		35	13	1 30		2 55	1	2	1	2 10	S. J. Tullos
Beulah	Newton	Roscoe	H. O. White, J. E. Graham, J. L. Brand	13	1		5	1	1	88	113	2	203	50	5 00			4		1		T. I. Wells
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	N. L. Clarke, T. Keith, R. A. Laird, N. L. Johns-	ton. 3	1		6		4	61	89	17	167	60	6 00			2	1	1		N. L. Clarke
Enon	Neshoba	Smith's	F. Clarke	9	5	2	5			18	37		55	25	2 00							L. B. Fancher
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beach Springs	J. P. Brantly, W. Walton					5		23	26		49	20	3 00							
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E. N. Robinson	1			11	3	1	19	29		48	15	1 50			3		2		A. J. Smith
Fellowship*	Leake	Walnut Grove	J. M. Oxner, C. S. Horn	7	1		2	1	1				45	15	1 50	1 25		3				W. S. Ford
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D. M. Stroud	4	1					10	14		24	15	1 50			1	2			J. E. Chapman
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	A. J. Moore, G. W. Wolfe	7						11	15		26	10	2 00			2				H. Bruce
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	C. R. Pace, S. R. Wall	11	9		1			25	29		54	20	2 00			1				J. E. Brunson
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	J. C. Foster, B. F. Hamilton	10	5		1	5	2	27	39		66	25	2 50		2 00	3		2		J. C. Foster
Lake	Scott	Lake	W. A. Wilson, T. M. Gould				5		1	14	15		29	15	1 50		6 05	2				J. H. Grundy
Hardyville	Newton	Newton					2			3	4		7	5					1			A. J. Freeman
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J. J. Ingram, T. J. Webb							21	28		49	15	2 00		2 00			1	2 00	J. J. Ingram
Liberty	Newton	Battlefield	J. A. Scott	4	3		1	3		17	18		35	15	1 50			3	1			H. O. White
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	B. F. Lewis	1		1	3	2	4	22	42		64	30	2 45		2 80	3			1 25	J. J. Ingram
Midway	Newton	Newton	A. J. Freeman, W. M. McMullan	1	4		6			10	21		31	15	1 50			3		1		A. J. Freeman
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	N. B. Hammonds	6	1		1	6		23	42		65	11	1 10			2				A. J. Freeman
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey	T. J. Graham, W. J. Blass	5	13		1			27	70	1	98	35	3 50			2		1		W. P. Vaughn
New Prospect	Lauderdale	Chunkey	J. B. Ishee, J. S. Ball	1						6	11		17	10	1 00			1				W. P. Vaughn
New Prospect	Newton	Lucerne	A. Walters, S. M. Warren		3		4		1	24	40		64	20	2 50			2				J. W. Arnold
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	A. D. Crenshaw, G. G. Chipman	5	1	1	2	3		40	48		88	25	3 00	50	1 00	3			50	L. B. Fancher
New Hope	Scott	Lake	J. G. Gordy, J. R. T. Gould	2	2		1	1	1	23	24		47	25	2 50			4				B. W. Dearing
Newton	Newton	Newton	J. H. Sansing	1	8		2			20	34		54	20	2 00			4				N. L. Clarke
Oakland	Newton	Rainer	T. I. Wells, I. H. Brown	4	2		10		1	29	42		71	25	2 50			1	1	1		T. I. Wells
Old Union	Scott	Steele	J. M. Hutson, J. T. Bryan		2		5			10	23		33	20	2 00			2		1		J. M. Hutson
Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	L. P. Murrell, G. D. Pace, J. M. Haralson, J. P.	[Pace. 23	10	1	4			66	121		187	50	5 00			1		1		L. P. Murrell
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	J. W. Arnold, C. C. Roebuck	13	4		6	1		20	22		42	30	3 00			4		1		J. W. Arnold
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	Wm. Yarbrough, W. J. Bruner	2	1	8	6	2	2	30	94		124	35	3 50			3	1			N. L. Clarke
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	G. W. Sims, W. S. Gordy	5	7	1	1	2	2	12	25		37	15	1 50			2				B. W. Dearing
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	N. McCrany, P. Mann	1	2		3			14	17		31	20	2 00			1				B. W. Dearing
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lawrence	A. J. Phillips		2					6	12		18	10	1 00		90	2				L. P. Murrell
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	R. B. Lay	2			3		2	15	24	1	40	13	1 30			4				J. E. Chapman
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R. K. Cleaveland, J. B. Cleaveland	7	1		4	1	1	28	38		66	25	2 50			3	1			J. M. Moore
Salem	Scott	Forest	By Letter	4			4			7	14		21	10	1 00			3				J. H. Grundy
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Damascus	J. D. Anderson, W. J. Cato	3	2				1	18	28	3	49	20	2 00			3				J. W. Arnold
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	A. M. Smith	1	1	1	4		1	5	10		15	10	1 00			1				N. L. Clarke
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	J. W. Speer, C. C. Arnold		3		1		1	9	17		26	12	1 50			1	1			J. W. Arnold
Union	Newton	Union	D. C. Payne	5	4		3	3		30	24		54	20	2 00			1	1	3		J. M. Moore
Union	Scott	Harperville	R. M. Beasley, J. O. Rushing				7			7	22		29	15	2 00			1	1			J. H. Grundy
Woodland	Neshoba	Laurel Hill	A. W. W. Grafton, J. A. Johnson		2				2	10	10		20	12	1 25	2 75	2 00	4				R M Woodruff
			Total	203	110	16	148	48	32	999	1546	24	2614	977	$101 70	$4 50	$19 30		14	21	$ 5 85	

*Dismissed by Letter.

There is a difference in the report of the Finance Committee in the division of the funds from this table. The sum total is the same.